

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Decision on Appeal mailed from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 30, 2008. In that decision, the Board affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 14, 15, 20, and 43-45 on the basis of a new grounds for rejection, and reversed the Examiner's rejection of the remaining claims. Of those remaining claims, the Board entered a new ground of rejection against claims 1-13, 16-19, and 21-25. The rejection of claims 26-42 was reversed and the Board apparently found no reason for continued rejection of those claims on the basis of the prior art involved in the appeal.

Accordingly, Applicant has canceled the now rejected claims, leaving only claims 26-42 in place. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

If the Examiner finds that there are any issues remaining that impact allowance of the application, it is requested that he telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for any required fees, or credit any overpayment associated with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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